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My dear friend

A little dream last night sends my spirit eastward – Greetings & benedictions unto thee not merely because of the Christmas season, for I fancy we may have a birth of the Christ every day whenever we "let the oppressed (Spirit) go free" – But I do trust all are well in that cheerful highland home – & do my heart pulsates –

How delightful it would be to have thee & Anne at our house next Month. Let me explain: On the 18th a Festival of the Friends of Freedom – So the title runs will be held at National Hall & to'll P.M. A reunion of Abolitionists, especially. Of Penn^a N.J. & Del. But we have the prospect of some from other states. When it was proposed in our Committee I at once said – "that is just what Mr Garrison wished some time ago – when Emancipation was declared" I hope I was right, for I really feel we have delayed an outburst of feeling entirely too long – There should have been a gush of joy & thankfulness – Now it is proposed to have a "good social time" – Perhaps a few short speeches – but more of mingling & talking. Music – eatables &c – This to go on in the Main

room. The smaller rooms to be used. One for the older people who will sit round & compare notes and examine anti-slavery curiosities. Another will be used for the Stereorama with appropriate pictures, some of which are very beautiful. Dr Stuckert & Edward Parrish offer to exhibit it.

Then on the 17th the Convention of the Friends of Equal Rights and on the 18th the Penn^a Peace Society.

Gen Wagner informs me the Colored Soldiers of the Army of the Potomac will meet on the 17th. Thus we shall have "three days of grace" & not merely in a mercantile sense either, and I repeat we shall be delighted to have Hue & Thy family with us.

I mail a few papers &c The Phila^a Tribune comes forward & offers to publish anything we may send it in favor of Equal Rights & Peace. The Editor is a very true & good man. He says he loses money by publishing the paper ~~but~~ but must do something for the cause of righteousness. He, like Hue, is too modest to ask for a subscriber. He would be very glad to meet Hue.

Yesterday we all met our various families at Evergreen. Chestnut Hill. Our good parents had the rooms decked with green & the good things of this life were before us. One exception I must make, our little Son J. B. Love had to be left in the city. he being lately recovered from an attack of Scarlatina. But he remained perfectly contented & to day is much better. If wife knew I was writing she would send love to you all. for she has it in her heart. Kindest remembrance to Thy wife & family. Ever Affectionately Thy Love